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ing in formalin to insure against any infection from this source) will be sent upon application to any inspector, forester, pathologist, or other State or experiment station officer, to any nurserymen or orchardist growing chestnuts, or to any botanist or teacher of botany. So far as the supply permits lantern slides and photographs will, upon application, be loaned for special lectures, exhibits, etc., to the officers of States, experiment stations or colleges. By these means the inspectors first, and then the general public, may become familiar with the appearance and work of the disease in localities that it has not yet reached, and when it does appear may be able to recognize it before it is too late to take efficient measures against it."

The pamphlet further states that "bark disease may be confidently looked for in any orchard or nursery in the United States that contains chestnut trees. All such places should therefore be rigidly inspected at the earliest possible date" as at present "there is nothing in sight that promises even remotely to check its spread into new territory except the general adoption of the measures advocated in these pages. It cannot be argued that because of its apparently recent origin and rapid spread it will soon disappear of itself. Such diseases as pear-blight and peach yellows have been in the country for more than a century and show no sign of abating except when actively combated by modern quarantine methods. Nor can any conclusions be drawn from the fact that chestnuts in the Southern States have suffered from a disease during the past twenty years, since, as already stated, that is a totally different thing from the bark disease."

#### NEWS ITEMS

Professor T. D. A. Cockerell, of the University of Colorado, has recently returned from Europe where he made some valuable collections.

Dr. Leigh Hunt Pennington (A. B., University of Michigan, 1907; Ph.D., 1909) has been appointed instructor in botany at Northwestern University.

During Professor L. H. Bailey's absence from Cornell this

year, Professor Herbert J. Webber will act as director of the College of Agriculture.

Yale University has recently received from Mrs. Morris K. Jesup \$100,000 to establish the Morris K. Jesup chair of agriculture in the Forestry School.

Mr. Lee I. Knight (A.B., University of Illinois), formerly a member of the botanical staff of the University of Illinois, has been made associate professor of botany at Clemson College, South Carolina.

TORREYA has not previously announced the death of M. J. Iorns (Ph.D., Cornell), for several years horticulturist of the Porto Rico Experiment Station at Mayaguez; he died of typhoid fever in San Juan in May.

The United States Bureau of Plant Industry has recently had several noted visitors: Dr. Oskar Loew, formerly with the Porto Rico Experiment Station; Dr. H. T. Güssow, of the Experiment Station at Ottawa; and Mr. Aaronshon, director of the experiment station in Palestine.

At the University of Maine the following appointments have been made: G. E. Simmons (M.S., Ohio State University) and M. E. Sherwin (M.S., Missouri), assistant professors of agronomy; and W. R. Palmer (B.S., Oregon Agricultural College), instructor in horticulture.